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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Advisory Council
Assistant Director, CIA

MEMORANDUM TO: Permanent Hatch Committee

REMARKS: Circular Memorandum of 15 August to the Standing Committee Members of the JAC with 4 August Revision of a proposed Interagency Operating Procedure

1. As you know, in response to the 15 August circular, the Standing Committee Members have replied as follows:

FBI - No comment; out of its field

AEC - Approves

Air Force - Approves

Army - Suggested minor changes

Navy - Wishes to eliminate Paragraph 70(1)
re Departmental Check List, feeling
that the Master List is adequate

The reply from State will be submitted to us in a few days, suggesting minor changes, but also pointing out that there is a duplicating committee of the ~~Army~~ already functioning under JCS Army guidance in the Pentagon.

2. We have just heard about this Army operated Committee under a Joint Chiefs of Staff Directive. Called something like the Joint Soviet Intentions Group, it is directed by General Weckerling and issues a weekly report. Whereas it was formed and is operated by the Army for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the State Department and others sit in on this Committee as observers - in some instances the same people who participate in our Check List-Hatch Committee Group. Is CIA represented on the Weckerling Committee or does it receive its weekly reports?

3. It looks to us as though this is another case of the Joint Chiefs of Staff duplicating the work of CIA, especially since we understand that the weekly report of this JCS Committee is about to issue a supplement based on special intelligence. And we understand that is the chief source of the Hatch Committee's material.

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4. With a view towards bringing this matter of duplication to the attention of the IAC members, we should appreciate receiving whatever additional information you have on the Army's Committee.

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via Acting Dircc.

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